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PEOPLE are being urged to turn out for a town-hall meeting tomorrow about the proposed development of Fisherman's Beach in Hythe.

The plans for 69 homes, huts, a fish-mongers and restaurant on a derelict strip of land popular with anglers could also see the demolition of two historic lifeboat stations at the end of West Parade.

Critics argue that if given the go-ahead the distinctive character and history of the beach could be lost, with some of it turned into private gardens.

In a leaflet distributed to some 600

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

homes in the town, campaigner Helen Severs said: "Everyone we've spoken to appears to be unaware the planning application has been made and can be viewed online at the Shepway planning website and also at the Hythe Town Council offices on Stade Street.

"It would be such a shame to lose the lifeboat stations as they give the area character and are a local landmark. Hythe has lost far too many of its historic buildings over the years.

"They should be retained for future generations to appreciate."

However, Andy Jarrett, the agent

representing Shepway council and Ossory Investments, who between them own the land, said the design had already been changed substantially to meet public opinion.

He said: "One of the key aims of the project is to improve public access to the beach.

"The reality is that there will be a distance of more than 65ft between the line of the mean high-tide-line and the southern side of the new promenade for most of its length.

"This provides a much wider expanse of beach than is available along most of West Parade."

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A PURR-FECT PAIR

Keepers at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park are celebrating the birth of twin Margay kittens, believed to be a first in Europe.

The twins, as yet unsexed, were discovered in their nesting box by head of small cats Neville Buck when their mother Ququm left them to hunt for food in the enclosure.

It is normal for a Margay to give birth to only one kitten, so the arrival of twins is a real boost to the breeding programme of this small cat species, bringing their number at the park up to ten.

The kittens are even more remarkable because their father Balancanche was kept as an illegal pet in Mexico and suffered abuse.

Fortunately, he was rescued and brought to the UK by The Ridgeway Trust For Endangered Cats.

Margay numbers have declined rapidly due to loss of habitat and hunting for the fur trade. Between 1976-1984, some 14,000 skins a year were recorded in 'legal trading' and many more illegally. The Margay is now protected over most of its remaining range.

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Peerage came out of the blue, says Howard

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

NEW Tory peer and retired Shepway MP Michael Howard said his elevation to the House of Lords came "out of the blue", despite protests about his appointment.

The former Conservative leader and one-time Home Secretary, who represented Folkestone and Hythe for 27 years, was named in the dissolution honours list with 50 others.

Before the election, campaigners from pressure group Power 2010 dressed up in mock ermine, wigs and masks of Mr Howard to present a petition against his possible peerage to his agent Gordon Williams.

Mr Howard told KOS Media: "I'm very pleased. It's useful to have a platform like this which I can use to speak on certain matters and on what I am interested in.

"It's a very different position to that of an MP. It's quite complicated, but there's not as much work.

"I won't be required to go to Westminster every day and I won't have constituents to look after."

The 68-year-old, who has a home in Lympne, will take up his position in the Lords after the summer recess.

During his political career he held several senior positions, including Employment Secretary and Environment Secretary before taking charge at the Home Office.

In opposition he was Shadow Foreign Secretary and Shadow Chancellor before taking over as party leader from 2003-05.

He said he had some idea he might be selected but reckoned it still came "out of the blue".



'A USEFUL PLATFORM': Michael Howard

"I was somewhere in between complete surprise and thinking it could happen," he said.

For almost 100 years, governments have been promising a reform of the House of Lords in what many believe is an undemocratic system.

There are no elections to become a lord; some inherit the privilege and others are awarded the honour by the prime minister.

A spokesman for Power 2010, which is in favour of a fully-elected second chamber, said: "It's sad to see another round of people who are going to be entrenched in their positions take up seats in the Lords.

"We will have to wait and see what comes of it."

She said that Power 2010 was now winding down but had signed up to the Take Back Parliament campaign, which wants to see the Alternative Vote system introduced in future elections.

News-reader set to join festival line-up

FORMER television news-reader Peter Sissons and local novelist Sandra Howard are among those rumoured to be appearing at the next HG Wells Festival.

The event, which launched last year, will be supported by talks, readings, a theatrical event and classic-film show as well as the £1,000-prize short-story competition.

Last year's festival dwelt on Wells's novel *The Sea Lady*, inspired by Sandgate. This year it has been decided to concentrate on two more books written while the author lived in the area 100 years ago, Kippis and *The History Of Mr Polly*.

Professor Dominic Wells will present the winner of the short-story prize with the cheque. The festival is centred at The Grand in Folkestone and will run from September 17-19.

Deadline approaches for airport decision

THE deadline for a possible call-in of Shepway council's decision to approve Lydd airport's controversial expansion plans is Friday.

In March councillors voted to approve the runway extension and the building of a terminal capable of handling 500,000 passengers a year.

Planning permission was upheld after Government conservation body Natural England lodged an appeal after its advice was overruled.

Communities Secretary Eric Pickles now has to choose whether to go ahead with a public inquiry, which could delay any final decision.

Bikers riding out to mark D-Day landings

MOTORCYCLISTS from around the UK will commemorate the D-Day landing by riding together from Folkestone to Le Touquet in France to raise money for charity.

They hope to raise £25,000 for Aspire, which supports people with spinal injuries.

The D-Day Ride Out is open to any biker, from scooter riders to the classic cruiser, and is organised by Knobbies, GB Riders and EuroK Motorcycle clubs.

Bikers who wish to take part in the ride-out this weekend can still sign up at www.aspire.org.uk/bikers or by phoning 020 8420 8951.

Judge for yourself on plans for beach

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

He said there had already been two public exhibitions and two public question-and-answer meetings and the number of homes planned had been reduced from 90 to 69.

The proposed buildings along West Parade would be of differing heights, with the tallest being 41ft from ridge to ground level, some 19ft lower than claimed in the leaflet, according to Mr Jarrett.

He said: "We have had a very positive response to the project from many people and we do encourage people to present their views to the council.

"However, it is our hope that people will reach their conclusions on the basis of the actual proposal rather than on misleading information."

As the planning authority, Shepway council will make the final decision on the application, with Hythe Town Council acting as a consultee and giving its feedback in advance.

The extraordinary meeting of the full town council will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at the town hall starting at 6:30pm.

The developer, architect and planning officer will be there to answer questions.



LIFEBOAT STATION: Fisherman's Beach in Hythe



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Free sweets rock as a way to stop violence

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FOOTBALL fans leaving the pub after another roller-coaster England performance will be able to chew over the result, thanks to free sweets.

The police and council-led initiative will see punters given sticks of rock to suck on rather than let their emotions boil over.

It replicates the successful scheme used in the district four years ago at the last World Cup and is designed to act as a happy distraction from the outcome of the match.

Shepway council's antisocial behaviour manager Shaun Taylor said: "The idea stems from other areas where people who had been drinking and leaving pubs and clubs were given a lollipop.

"If you've got a lollipop in your mouth, it's very hard to pull a strong, angry face.

"Anecdotally, when pubs gave them out after all the matches, people were laughing about it."

Mr Taylor said the choice of sweet was inspired by The Rock Shop, which used to be on Folkestone's Old High Street and sold its own selection of World Cup rock in 2006.

The Community Safety Unit, which is made up of the council, police and other agencies, joined forces with the business to hand the sticks out to fans at the end of games.

Mr Taylor said: "It's a light-hearted approach, but if it works it will stop other issues from boiling over. There are about half a dozen or so messages on them. People are more interested in sharing a rock with their mate, reading the silly slogans and walking away."



ROCK ON: From left, Kelly Holkham (Shepway CSU), Hugh Barker (cabinet member for community safety), PC Chris Stephens (Shepway licensing enforcement officer) and Stuart Tickle (Kent Fire and Rescue) get over the message

Some of the messages to be found on the sticks include 'Punch the air, not your mate', 'Be a winner, not a sinner', 'Get excited, be united' and 'Enjoy the night, don't fight'.

About 5,000 of the sticks will be given out across all four weeks of the World Cup and the cost is a few hundred pounds, with funding from the Home Office.

The scheme comes after the council was criticised for not allowing the district's taxi-drivers to display the St George's flag in their windows.

Taxi bosses wanted to be able to show their support for the national team during the World Cup but have been warned they would be in

breach of their licence conditions if they did so.

The handout also ties in with a scheme to get youngsters playing football safely while taking pride in their areas. The Shepway Inter-Estate Football League starts this week and will run over the next six months.

Those aged 11-18 are invited to take part, with more than 200 already involved in training sessions. Teams will come from Cheriton, East Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh.

Selection will depend not just on performance in training but also on reports of work in the community and behaviour at school.

Call the CSU's Clive Harris on 01303 853600.

Multicultural mix of fun at festival

FOUR days of family fun starts tomorrow (Thursday) when Folkestone Multi-Cultural Festival kicks off with more than 50 events planned.

Children's activities, creative workshops, arts, crafts and cooking demonstrations, food samplings and stalls, delicacies, sweets and flowers will be added to by new fringe events, including a family day at the Lower Leas Coastal Park Amphitheatre.

More than 400 primary-school children will get the festival under way tomorrow in workshops at Quarterhouse and University Centre Folkestone in the Creative Quarter, while stage entertainment will go on from 11am-3pm in the precinct near Debenhams.

For full details and the timetable of events, which run daily, go to www.folkestonefestival.co.uk.

Souvenir programmes are available free from Folkestone shops.

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Town harbours a new sound with ska gigs

FOLKESTONE harbour will play host to a new ska music festival which will see bands and DJs coming together to celebrate the music and fashion genre.

Fans old and new are invited to come to the inaugural Folkestone Skabour Festival, which includes many free gigs at the harbour-front in addition to headline acts at venues across the town.

John Sims, a leading light in ska culture and graphic designer behind the black-and-white imagery that represented 2-Tone and bands such as The Specials, The Beat and Madness, is one of those behind the event.

Mr Sims, otherwise known as Teflon, has recently taken his This ART 2-Tone exhibition of designs to Margate, Brighton and the so-called Holy Grail of 2-Tone, Coventry. This has led to two successful mini-exhibitions in London and New York.

In contemplating repeating the venture in his home town of Folkestone, Teflon invited three friends to help out.

To find out more about the line-up and the rest of the activities planned for the weekend of September 3-5, see www.folkestone-skabourfestival.co.uk.

Music festival brought to a halt by change in ticket payment policy

A POPULAR music festival due to host the likes of The Sugar Hill Gang and Lee 'Scratch' Perry has been cancelled only days before opening.

The Sellindge Music Festival was to hold its third annual event this coming weekend (June 11-13) but blamed a change in policy at online payment vendor PayPal for it not having enough cash up front.

In a message to fans and ticket-holders, general manager Ian Baird said: "2010 has been an incredibly difficult year for events of this type and we at Sellindge hoped we had done enough to save our little corner of the festival scene.

"Unfortunately, due to various circumstances it seems we are unable to proceed.

"We are eternally grateful to all of you who have supported us over the last 11 months.

"The reason for this is a change in policy at PayPal which has resulted in a large amount of our funding being held until after the event.

"[That was] funding that was essential to make this event run.

"Without that money we have

no option but to cancel now to avoid disappointment on the day for you, our customers."

Mechanisms were being put in place for refunds and ticket-holders are asked to be patient until they are contacted about how they can claim back their money.

It is hoped the festival, held at Hope Farm at Gibbons Brook between Ashford and Folkestone, will return again with better funding next year, Mr Baird said.

There were earlier hints that the festival was struggling to sell tickets when it introduced a special two-for-one offer over the April Bank Holiday weekend.

Prices for weekend tickets were usually £79 per adult or £59 for students or under-18s but were being offered for less than £40 and £30 respectively.

In the past Sellindge has hosted the likes of Idlewild and Supergrass and this year was due to headline indie band Reverend And The Makers, hip-hop legends The Sugar Hill Gang and pioneering dub reggae DJ Lee 'Scratch' Perry.



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Pupils and teachers 'extremely lucky' to survive coach crash

A SCHOOL party had a miraculous escape when a coach ploughed into a roundabout after travelling down a hill at high speed.

Twelve school children and four teachers were taken to hospital after the accident, which left the vehicle slewed across the grass roundabout off the M20 near Folkestone.

The pupils from Guston Church of England primary school in Dover were travelling to the town on a day-trip.

The accident happened at 9.45am on Monday on the A20 junction 13, off the M20.

Eight of the pupils and the four teachers were taken to William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, while another four children were taken to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate after saying they had aches and pains on returning to school.

An investigation is under way into the cause of the accident. However, it is believed that a problem with the brakes caused the crash and no other vehicle was involved.

One teacher said he thought the bus was going so fast down the hill that he feared it would turn over.

All the children apart from one boy – believed to be the son of a Gurkha soldier –

■ BY NICK AMES

along with their teachers were released from hospital after a couple of hours.

The remaining pupil was kept in for observation.

Chief Inspector Geoff Wood said: "The occupants of the coach are extremely lucky.

"If the coach had rolled over, we would be looking at something far more extreme in terms of injuries.

"The coachload of children were on a day-trip to Folkestone and we received the alarm just after 9.45am.

"A full investigation into the cause of the crash will take place. Right now it is too soon to say anything about a possible cause."

The coach was travelling along the slip-road off the motorway towards Folkestone when the accident happened.

Mr Wood said: "Something has happened which means the driver has been forced to crash into the roundabout."

The vehicle was one of four carrying the party from the school, where pupils had taken the day-trip to learn about the regeneration of Folkestone's seafront as part of a project concerning water and its use.

Police warn of cold-call workmen

POLICE are asking people to beware of cold-callers offering to do expensive work on their homes.

Residents of the Elms Vale area of Dover have reported a group of five men, in two vans, knocking on doors and offering to do work.

Neither van had a company name on it and one resident who called the police said he believed the men were targeting the elderly.

One woman agreed to have her chimney fixed and was given an inflated quote for the work but has since been advised by her family to turn the men away if they call again.

Police attended and spoke to the men, who

said they were staying at a caravan park in Blean, near Canterbury.

The men were wearing black trousers and white shirts and were middle-aged, probably in their 40s.

They were seen on one elderly man's roof in Elms Vale Road and also with a ladder at the side of a house in Eaton Road.

There have also been reports of a group of men going door-to-door in the Capel and Ringwould areas selling dusters.

Police are advising that if householders are suspicious, they should phone Kent Police on 01622 690690.

Women crew are set to sail into record books

EARLIER this month two rowing teams – a crew of four men and a team of four women, aged between 23 to 50 – set off from Tower Bridge in London to row non-stop, without assistance, for 2,010 miles around the treacherous waters of mainland Great Britain to win the Virgin Trophy and

up to £45,000 in prize money.

World Rowing journalist Melissa Bray called it "the hardest rowing race in the world".

The SeaGals are an all-female crew comprising a 23-year-old Royal Navy nurse, Laura Thomasson from Dover; a film-maker; a

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Sailor's death plaque discovered by digger

EXPERTS are trying to trace relations of a First World War sailor whose death was commemorated on a plaque that has been discovered in Dover

Digger-driver Tom Page found the 12cm-round bronze death plaque when he was clearing topsoil and rubbish from waste ground.

The item is inscribed with the name Lewis Baden Holyman and the words "He died for freedom and honour".

Members of the White Cliffs Countryside Project say they want to reunite the memento with relatives.

Spokesman Paul Wilmot said: "We've found out from the census that he [Mr Holyman] was born and bred in Dover and from the War Graves Commission that he served as a trimmer on HMS Caledonia.

"He would line the boats



SO POIGNANT: Bronze plaque

up to get coal supplies on board. Whether he did that from ship or shore we do not know. However, he was certainly attached to that ship.

ic of 1918.

"I'm reluctant to say that it was probably thrown away because it isn't the sort of area that it could have been lost. It was located on what is really just a piece of waste land."

Hundreds of thousands of death plaques, each known as a Dead Man's Penny, were sent to the families of those who died in the Great War.

The plaque would have originally been accompanied by a letter from King George V.

Mr Page said: "I don't think I've ever found anything so unique. You might find a spanner or a screwdriver, but something that has some sentiment to it is very rare to come across."

If relatives cannot be traced, the death plaque will go on show at Dover Museum.



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'Removal centre is like a prison'

DETAINEES at Dover's Immigration Removal Centre are being held for too long, according to a report.

The Independent Monitoring Board also said the number of people held for more than a year while their asylum claims were processed had almost doubled.

The report stated: "There has been little sign of progress in hastening the time taken to resolve complex cases, resulting in unacceptably long periods of detention in some cases."

Volatile

John Roper, monitoring-board chairman, said: "There continues to be a high proportion of ex-foreign national prisoners, many of whom become increasingly worried about their indefinite detention."

"Coming from prisons and being unused to the less strict regime of an IRC [immigration removal centre], it was not surprising that instances of aggressive and volatile behaviour continued during 2009."

However, the findings praised the professionalism of staff at the centre.

A spokesman for the UK Border Agency said: "It is our intention to keep the length of detention to the shortest possible period. However, in some cases, detainees themselves prolong their own detention by failing to comply with the removal process."

"We have a duty to protect the public from those who may pose them harm."

In July the chief inspector of prisons Dame Anne Owers said the centre had become "more like a prison".

UK borders need to feel the force, reckons minister

■ BY MARIJKE COX

IMMIGRATION Minister Damian Green has stressed the need for a dedicated border police force to bring down international crime syndicates.

The MP, who was appointed to the Home Office role three weeks ago, said just focusing on the county's borders was not enough.

Plans for a new force – forming part of the Serious Organised Crime Agency – were revealed in the Queen's Speech.

Mr Green said it would be vital in keeping UK borders safe.

"We need to crack down on international crime to help protect our borders," he said.

"The new police force would effectively combine powers that are available to the enforcement arm of the UK Border Agency. But it would be different to the agency – it would be a separate national police force."

He added: "One of the things we really want to do is establish intelligence capacity around the world."

Dover has the busiest passenger port in the

world and the busiest shipping lane, so a police force of this kind could be crucial in bringing down criminal gangs trying to infiltrate borders with illegal goods.

Mr Green said: "Being able to do operations both in the UK and outside means we can crack down on this sort of crime."

Currently, juxtaposed immigration controls are in place in Kent, France and Belgium through the UK Border Agency.

The new border police force would focus on international organised crime, with particular focus on guns, illegal drugs and illegal immigrants.

Mr Green said it was too early to say how the force would work but stressed that Dover was an important focus.

"Details are yet to be confirmed. This still has to go through Parliament, so it will be another couple of years before it is set up," he said.

Officers from the Serious Organised Crime Agency are expected to join the new force.



BORDER CONTROL: Immigration Minister Damian Green is pushing plans for a new border police force

The Government says it will work with police forces to strengthen arrangements to deal with serious crime and other cross-boundary policing challenges.

Mr Green said: "Both the Conservative Party and the Lib Dems agree this is a very important move."

Mr Green, who was shadow immigration minister for five years before being appointed minister, said he had confidence in the new coalition.

"We're going to have to take it day by day, but I think this is going to work well," he said.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q How did you first become involved with the Creative Foundation?

A I first came to Folkestone as the director of the Metropole Gallery on The Leas in 2001. Roger De Haan had become Chairman of the Trustees there and they decided that Folkestone's arts centre needed a whole new direction, so they recruited me and I moved here from Exeter with my wife Sarah and our (then) two small children. I think the Trustees ended up getting a bit more than they bargained for! Roger and I set up the Creative Foundation and we acquired our first property in 2003. We've now got 80, all located in the Creative Quarter.

Q What do you believe arts-based regeneration could achieve for Folkestone?

A I think it can both change the way local people think about their town and change the way Folkestone is viewed from outside. That's already happening. The approach we've adopted combines the physical regeneration of run-down buildings with educational transformations such as the new Folkestone Academy and University Centre Folkestone and a whole range of new cultural projects such as Quarterhouse and the Folkestone Triennial.

Q What is it about Folkestone in your opinion that makes it so appealing?

A Bettany Hughes, the TV historian, came here for the book festival a couple of years ago – she's travelled all around the world, but

she said she thought Folkestone was the most beautiful place on Earth. I love the sea, the friendly people, the architecture, the green spaces, the quality of light and the views of the French coast on a clear night.

Q How crucial a role do you believe Sir Terry Farrell's recent seafront proposals will play?

A I think the plans will play a really important part in Folkestone's future. The harbour is the reason Folkestone is here and over time it was developed into a thriving port, with attractions growing up on the shingle that had accumulated to the west. As the harbour has declined, Folkestone's link with the sea has been lost – it is important for the spirit of the town for the connection to be remade.

Q What has been your greatest achievement in your nine-year tenure at the Creative Foundation?

A If I'm allowed to pick two things: firstly, working with university colleagues to establish University Centre Folkestone, the town's first higher-education campus, which is growing really strongly now. And, secondly, Quarterhouse – our wonderful new performing-arts centre, which in just over a year has already done so much to support local performers and bring great entertainment to Folkestone. Both these projects are long-term developments that will have a huge impact on the town over time and help to change it for the better.

Q Some of the foundation's work has attracted criticism. Why do you think this is and is there anything you would have done differently during your time in charge?

A I think change is always difficult for some people, but almost all the residents I speak to are completely behind what we've been doing. The economic situation over the last few years has been a challenge for our tenants in the Creative Quarter, but I think we have responded as well as we could to their needs. I'm sure Folkestone is going to have a really vibrant future.

Q What do you hope to achieve in your new role as an independent consultant on arts regeneration?

A I'd like to be able to apply some of the lessons I've learnt here to other parts of the country. Change takes time, it helps to have strong leadership and it's important to join together economic development with improvements to the social fabric of a place.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A Kayaking, running (I'm entering the Folkestone Half Marathon) and spending time with my wife Sarah and four children.

Q Tell us something not many people know about you.

A My mother's father was a spy.

Q&A

The outgoing artistic director of the Creative Foundation speaks to **James Alexandre** about his nine years in the role, what makes Folkestone so appealing to him and others and his hopes for the town's future

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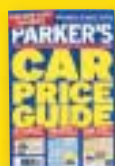
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MOORED: Patrol boat Garth is back in Sandwich Quayside hosting an old maritime friend

THE historic Army patrol boat Garth is at Sandwich quay.

The vessel, originally designed to take part in the liberation of Europe during the Second World War, is a frequent and popular visitor to the town.

Locals and visitors alike have been welcomed on board the ship, which was launched in 1945 and is maintained by the Coastal Motorboat Heritage Trust.

Garth, which was commissioned by the Royal Army Service Corps, never saw action in the war but was used in the immediate years afterwards as a patrol boat in Italy.

One of the last of its type, the ship is set to take part in commemorative and remembrance events throughout the next few years.

Is this the way ahead for east Kent housing?

COUNCIL tenants and leaseholders are being asked for their views on plans to improve their housing services.

A consultation booklet is being sent out to all council tenants and leaseholders across the Dover area explaining the plans and listing events to which people can come and speak to housing staff about what is being proposed.

The councils of Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet are proposing to set up an 'arm's length management organisation' which would manage day-to-day services such as repairs and rent collection, dealing with tenancy matters and tackling issues such as antisocial behaviour.

It would be owned jointly by all four councils. Each would be represented on the board of the new organisation, as would tenants from the four council areas.

The remainder would be made up of independent members who would bring experience to the organisation to complement those of the tenants and councillors.

■ BY NICK AMES

Housing staff currently working for the four councils would transfer to the new organisation.

By providing services in this way, the councils believe that major improvements and savings will be made.

It is estimated that at least £1.5 million will be saved over the next few years, which by law must be reinvested into improving council-housing services.

More substantial savings should also be achieved in later years through improved repairs contracts and the bringing together of administrative services.

For the proposal to go ahead, the majority of tenants and leaseholders must support the plans.

To ensure tenants can have their say, the consultation will use a mix of face-to-face events over the next six weeks, telephone surveys and newsletters.

Housing staff, tenant representatives and TPAS, an independent tenants' advisory serv-



TALK TALK: Council tenants and leaseholders are being asked for their views on plans for a new organisation

ice, will be on hand to answer questions at all events.

The consultation will run until Monday, August 16.

A project spokesman said: "The whole reason we are doing this is to create a housing service to be proud of and one that is rated among the best in the country."

"These exciting proposals will also give tenants and leaseholders more say and more involvement in how their homes are managed."

"It is important to remember that this is about how we manage our council housing. Key decisions about council housing and who is allocated a council home will still be made by the local council."

The proposals form part of wider plans to share council services across east Kent.



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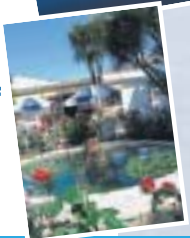
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Celebration Rolls into town

BY NICK AMES

SOME 100 Rolls-Royce cars along the seafront, mock-up Napoleonic War battles and a fireworks display from the Prince of Wales Pier were among the highlights during a weekend of celebration in Dover.

Despite a poor weather forecast and early mist, thousands turned up for the display.

The Rolls-Royce Wings and Wheels marked the 100th anniversary of the first non-stop return flight across the channel, by Charles S Rolls, and featured a programme of free events.

The main celebrations started at 10.15pm on Saturday with a fireworks and pyrotechnic display sponsored by Dover Town Council.

The remaining events focused on the Sunday and included up to 100 Rolls-Royce cars, the earliest dating back to the 1920s and 30s, displayed from noon on the seafront by the South Eastern section of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club.

Charles Rolls's only surviving car, an 1899 Panhard Levassor, was also on display, courtesy of Norfolk Museum Service.

Just after midday a ceremony was held at the newly-renovated Charles Rolls statue, where Dover council leader Bernard Butcher praised the inventor as "an inspiration".

His speech was followed by an address from Dover mayor Sue Jones, who said how proud the town was of its heritage.

The poor weather caused the cancellation of a display by the Battle of Britain flight, but a solo Spitfire did make an appearance before setting off for France in tribute to Charles Rolls.

On his return, the pilot of the legendary aircraft was able to stage a flypast in front of the crowd.

A new display about the town's connections with Rolls-Royce is on show at Dover Museum until Sunday, September 5.

It features a range of incredible objects on



ANNIVERSARY: Up to 100 Rolls-Royce cars were on display at the event, which included a mock battle between British and French soldiers and a speech by Dover mayor Sue Jones beside the renovated statue of Charles Rolls

loan from across the country, including a rare Eagle Engine designed by Henry Royce.

The Western Heights Preservation Society also opened the Drop Redoubt Napoleonic Fort on the Western Heights all weekend with a display of period military costumes and drill by re-enactors. Highlights included a mock

skirmish between British and French soldiers using the walls and staircase of the old fort as a backdrop.

The celebrations were put together by Dover District Council, Dover Town Council and Dover Harbour Board, with sponsorship from Rolls-Royce.



FA rewards the unsung heroes

WHILE players, managers and even referees can dominate the headlines in football, one group of people which keeps the whole show on the road is often overlooked.

At grass-roots level, organised football simply could not happen without the dedication of an army of volunteers working behind the scenes. Selflessly giving up their free time so others can enjoy the game, they are the glue that holds everything together.

It is an issue the FA is attempting to address through community awards which look to recognise these unsung heroes.

One example is Mark Rogers, who won Kent's Outstanding Contribution To Community Football prize last month for his work as secretary at the Sheppey Sunday League.



In his four years in the role he has helped transform the league's fortunes.

Mr Rogers said: "You do it because you love what you're doing. I didn't think I was doing anything special."

"I'm passionate about grass-roots football. It

can be like a part-time job, but you get out what you put in."

Lee Suter, football development officer at the Kent County FA, put the volunteers' dedication into perspective.

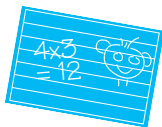
He said: "They are superb and tireless. You can't put a value on their contribution – without them we would struggle."

It's not just ex-players giving something back. A group of teenagers in Kent is involved in the FA Leadership and Volunteering Programme, with Bradley Pay among the first to put in 50 hours.

The 16-year-old said: "I love football and want to be involved as much as I can. I get a lot of happiness out of seeing the kids I coach enjoying themselves."



ONE GOAL: Award-winner Mark Rogers from Sheppey



BREAK TIME

Summer schools offer fun lessons

THE Shepway Secondary Learning Partnership is running 20 summer events across the district in the coming weeks.

The Summer School is open to students from years 5-13 from all Shepway schools, with courses catering for all interests, including caring for animals, putting a radio show together, cycle-safety and learning camping skills.

Other options include helping create a sculpture for Dungeness National Nature Reserve and photography in field trips to Romney Marsh and Port Lympne.

For information on courses and application forms, go to the Brockhill Park Performing Arts College website at www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk and click on the Shepway Summer School link.

Homeless education

AN INITIATIVE is being launched in schools throughout the district to prevent future generations suffering from the plight of homelessness.

Led by Kent-based charity Porchlight, it will give presentations to students on the reality of homelessness and try to change negative attitudes.

The programme is being delivered by three youth homelessness education workers who themselves have experience of being homeless. Funding has come from the Government's Future Jobs Fund and Shepway council.

For more information about Porchlight, visit www.porchlight.org.uk.

Neil Biggs, project co-ordinator, said: "This is an exciting project. We believe young people can make a difference."

It's fact: healthy meals don't need to be boring

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

HEALTH and social-care students at the Marsh Academy had a practical lesson in healthy eating when they took part in a Food Matters cooking event.

The session, led by Shirley Waters, aimed to teach those from year 9 how to be creative in making nutritious meals without compromising on taste.

Pupils were shown how to make snacks such as crispy-cheese tortilla, fruity pasta salad and quick-smoked mackerel paté; they particularly enjoyed the tasting sessions at the end of each demonstration.

The session was organised as part of a unit dedicated to diet and health within the health and social-care BTEC.

As well as practical demonstrations, students learnt about the Eat Well Plate, which shows what proportions of different food types make up a healthy diet, and discussed the Change 4 Life campaign, making recipes from the Change 4 Life website.

Health and social-care course-leader Janet Thomas said: "The lesson was a fantastic chance for students to see how easy it is to eat healthily. Almost all of the students tried – and enjoyed – something they'd never tasted before, so they really saw that healthy eating doesn't have to be boring."

After the session, Ms Waters congratulated pupils on their participation in the lesson, saying they were a credit to their teachers.



COOKING UP A TREAT: Shirley Waters showed the health and social-care students how to prepare healthy meals

The Marsh Academy was awarded Healthy Schools status in December 2009. The National Healthy Schools Programme aims to raise standards of health and achievement throughout the school day, including outside lessons.

The programme was launched as a joint initiative between the Department for Child-

ren, Schools and Families and the Department of Health in 1999 and intends to provide a whole-school-and-whole-child approach to health.

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A2 Neanderthal finds could now change history

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

A NEW discovery suggests that Neanderthal man returned to Kent after being forced out by a fierce environment much earlier than previously thought.

It was always known that Neanderthals had lived in Britain before retreating to mainland Europe during an ice age 200,000 years ago, but a fresh find of flints shows they came back much earlier than previously thought.

Neanderthal man lived in Europe for 260,000 years. Scientists had believed the ancestors of modern man arrived in Britain about 65,000 years ago.

But this find means they may have to revise their time-frame.

The flints are waste flakes from the manufacture of unknown tools probably used to cut up animals for food.

A University of Southampton archaeologist and the group Oxford Archaeology spotted evidence that Neanderthals were living in Britain at the start of the last ice age.

Commissioned by Oxford Archaeology, the university's Dr Francis Wenban-Smith discovered two ancient flint handtools at the junction of the M25 and the A2.

They were found during a Highways Agency excavation and mean that Dartford could have been founded by the Neanderthals.

Tests on sediment burying the flints show they date from some 110,000 years ago, proving Neanderthals were living in Britain at this time.

Until now, it was believed Kent and all of the UK was an empty wilderness after the ice age forced everyone south 200,000 years ago, with Neanderthals not returning until 65,000 years ago.

Dr Wenban-Smith said: "I couldn't believe my eyes when I received the test results.

"We know Neanderthals inhabited northern France at this time, but this new evi-



HARD EVIDENCE: The flints suggest human occupation

dence suggests that as soon as sea levels dropped, and a 'land bridge' appeared across the Channel, they made the journey by foot to Kent."

Oxford Archaeology project manager David Score said: "The fieldwork uncovered a significant amount of activity at the Dartford site in the Bronze Age and Roman periods.

"It is deeper trenches that have yielded the most interesting results – shedding light on a long period when there was assumed to have been an absence of early man from Britain."

One theory is that Neanderthals may have been attracted back to Kent by the flint-rich chalk downs visible from France. These supported mammoth, rhino, horse and deer – an important food source in subarctic conditions.

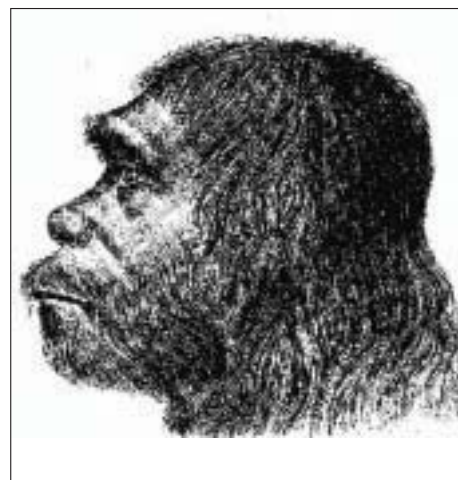
Dr Wenban-Smith said: "These are people who had no real shelter – no houses, not even caves, so we can only speculate that by the time they returned, they had developed physiologically to cope with the cold, as well as behavioural strategies such as planning winter stores and making good use of fire."

Dr Wenban-Smith said more evidence was needed to date their occupations accurately.

Other results from the project include the discovery of a woolly-rhino tooth in the flood-plain gravels of the River Darent, dated at some 40,000 years old.



FACE TO FACE: Archaeologist Dr Francis Wenban-Smith has found evidence of our Kentish ancestor, Neanderthal Man



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Kent and Essex join forces

A GROUNDBREAKING new plan will see Kent and Essex police officers working together in one crime-fighting unit.

The Serious Crime Directorate will tackle big-league offenders including armed-robbery gangs and drug smugglers from its base in Ebbsfleet.

A total of 1,100 officers and support staff make up the new elite force, which will have its own intelligence network, surveillance teams and forensics experts.

In charge is Kent Assistant Chief Constable Alan Pughley, who is convinced that he will forge a formidable unit.

"This is a groundbreaking initiative when it comes to UK policing," he said.

The purpose of the new organisation is to tackle the most serious criminal offenders.

Mr Pughley said: "The advantage we will have is that we will be able to commit more resources to investigations."

Essex was chosen to partner Kent in the

new initiative because of the problems faced by both forces.

"One problem is criminals who are coming out of London and committing offences elsewhere, so we have ensured that the Metropolitan Police Force will be working with us."

Officers from the new unit are already operating but not at the joint level. It is expected to be fully operational in April 2012, but police say many parts will be in action before that date.

Police say the new unit will not cost anything to put into action as the resources are already there.

But this plan will see the first formal large-scale tie-up between the county forces.

"This is a way forward for policing in this country," said Mr Pughley.



READY: PC Pughley

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YOUR LETTERS

Still time to award a medal to BEF heroes

We as a nation are currently celebrating the success of saving the soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force from the beaches at Dunkirk.

As we have done, to a lesser or greater extent, for many years.

It has always been a mystery to me why there was never a campaign medal struck and awarded to the veterans of the BEF.

Apparently, the Army considers the general World War Two medal, given to anybody who served in this conflict, covers the 'The Battle for France'.

There has been a medal issued for the troops who were rescued from the beaches, but what about the 30,000 or so troops Montgomery sacrificed as a rearguard action?

Mainly the 51st Highland Division and the heroic actions of the 23rd (TA) Field Artillery, who were wiped out at St Valery.

The action in which these soldiers were engaged was never, ever emulated in any other Second World War battles involving the British Army – where, from the start, the odds were so unequal that they were not expected to survive.

The gallantry shown was never recognised by the Army as the actions of the individual troops were never reported by the officers as almost all of them were killed during the action or died later as prisoners of war.

Many Victoria Crosses would have been awarded to the heroic men of the 23rd RA, who were all TA volunteers and who stopped the Panzer tanks entering Dunkirk.

They only ceased fighting because they had run out of ammunition and serviceable field guns, and this was days after the last men had left the beaches.

Their fate was to spend the entire war as POWs, apart from the ones murdered on the spot by German SS regiments.

Surely we should now show our gratitude, and at least give recognition to the odd few who are left, by awarding a BEF campaign medal for these special people who made it possible for so many to be saved.

John Atkins
Greatstone

Castle must broaden its tunnels vision

On Saturday, May 29, I went up to Dover Castle to visit the exhibition and wartime tunnels.

I was working the rest of the weekend, so it was the only chance I had to take my wife up to see this.

She was most keen as her dad was evacuated through Dunkirk and brought to Dover.

So at 1.30pm I approached the kiosk and noticed the price had gone up for the weekend from the normal admission of £13.90 to £15.95.

your blogger

Ian Macmillan suggests the role of the military should come under greater scrutiny



THE phrase 'sacred cow' originates from India, where the Hindu religion dictates that cattle are sacrosanct.

The military – the United Kingdom's sacred cow – appears to have *carte blanche* to waste money and lives in a jaw-dropping way that appears to be impervious to rational contrary argument.

As for criticism, only someone very brave or foolish would dare to go there. Someone like me perhaps.

Take the independent (ha ha) nuclear deterrent. The argument against Trident is so convincing that one feels sorry for the opposition.

It's similar to shooting fish in a barrel but, as in many matters concerning the military, winning the argument seems irrelevant.

Presumably, so the Colonel Blimps go, the citizens of the Scandinavian countries, The Netherlands, Belgium (I'm tempted to write the 'civilised' countries) must all be quaking in their boots since they don't have an 'independent nuclear deterrent'.

Poor so-and-sos, they spend money on hospitals, schools and so on, rather than on defence.

And there is an even more Orwellian word. Defence, I mean.

Seventy years ago, brave men really did defend this country and I, a few months old at the time, acknowledge the debt that I owe them.

That is the last time the military defended us. Since then, it has been involved in failed attempts to hang on to the Empire or in obeying orders from Uncle

Sam, and if anyone mentions either the Falklands or Northern Ireland I'd simply point them in the direction of an atlas.

Can we at least call this pointless waste of lives and money 'offence' rather than 'defence'? Aggression even? All Osama bin Laden wanted was for the West to get out of Moslem lands.

So far so unpopular, but what about the soldiery? Even the peace camp near Parliament claims to be against illegal and pointless wars but is happy to support the troops, aka 'our brave lads'.

I am a father and a grandfather. I can only imagine the pain of the parents of the soldiers killed in action.

As a victim of a severe road accident in 1979, I can also empathise with the injured soldiers.

As for a career involving killing strangers on behalf of our pathetic government (what soldiers do), I beg to differ from the conventional opinion.

One doesn't have to be religious to believe that killing is wrong, and personally I see no difference in moral terms between the state-sponsored variety or the private equivalent more commonly known as murder.

And, as for making life safer here, domestic terrorism is fuelled by our ill-conceived involvement in Moslem lands.

Finally, as far as soldiery is concerned, following the Nuremberg trials after the Second World War, obeying orders was not an acceptable defence.

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Coalition had better make the most of it

It's almost one month since the general election that was meant to clean up the Palace of Westminster and restore our faith in democracy, but as yet nothing has changed.

Business goes on in the same arcane old way – only the floor managers have changed.

The State Opening of Parliament as usual had more costumes and flunkery on display than in the whole of the West End of London and enough ermine to give the World Wildlife Fund an apoplectic fit. No urgent cutbacks in this expensive charade.

Then the coalition government, in its hastily-cobbled-together agreement, promised a reduction of 50 MPs while in the very same breath creating more than 50 new Lords from among its financial backers and a motley collection of former Members of the House of Commons, more famous for their two Jags or fiddled gardening expenses than their achievements for the country.

Finally, to see out the month in grand ignominy, not just one, but two, Chief Secretaries to the Treasury, fresh from sharpening their axes to cut billions in taxes, were forced to excuse themselves for over-claiming on their expenses or evading liability for capital gains tax on their second homes.

All this in less than a month from a coalition government that

promised to clean up politics once and for all, reform the voting system and the House of Lords, create the Big Inclusive Society and give power back to the people.

No wonder David Cameron and Nick Clegg want a Parliament fixed for five years. At the rate they are going, five weeks, let alone five months, is time enough to show everyone how shallow their promises are and how little is set to change in the Palace of Scandals.

Guy Fawkes was perhaps not so misguided after all. Just a few centuries before his time?

Donald Worsley
Folkestone and Hythe Labour Party

Religion has power but for what good?

Picking up on Clive Wilkins-Oppler's letter in last week's newspaper, it seems to me that if God made man, rather than the other way round, there would be only one religion.

I know he is alleged to move in a mysterious way, but I can see no reason that, if he exists, he would influence some to be Christian and believe Jesus was his son; some to be Moslem and believe Jesus was merely a prophet; and Jews to be believe neither and still await the promised Messiah.

And this is to say nothing about what Hindus believe or to touch on the South Sea Islanders who worship a fridge-freezer or, indeed, those who revere Prince Phillip.

Clearly nonsense, but there remains the question of whether religion is a power for good.

Let me put it this way.

Were it not for religious Jews maintaining God promised them the land, there would be no illegal settlements by Israelis in Palestinian lands.

Were it not for Islamism, there would be no Hamas, no Taliban, no atrocities such as what was inflicted on Mumbai and so on.

Religion a power for good?

I beg to differ.

Ian Macmillan
Ash

All stacked against the first-time buyers

It's a good idea for cash to be made available to local authorities to bring houses back on to the market, but will they be made available for those who really need them?

At the moment the housing market is on the up, which is good news for those who possess properties.

But it is not so good for those people who want to try to get on the housing ladder.

So when these homes are made available, they should be at a price that is accessible for first-time buyers.

Mark Baldwin
by email

World Cup a prelude to yet bigger glories

Although the football season has just finished and the World Cup not even started, as a long-term Hythe Town supporter I'm already looking forward to the 2010-11 season.

The addition of Lee Shearer is a good start and with other names in the frame let's hope that a new forward line can be put together.

Roll on Tuesday, July 20 – the first pre-season home game and we can start to see how the team shapes up.

Morgan Hatfield
Hythe

Lift repair needs to be up and running

It's good to hear that the Leas lift is about to be bought back into operation. But I have not seen any work going ahead to bring forward an opening date.

Surely the summer is the time it should be available. It's no good waiting to November.

Paul Travers
Folkestone

Awaiting the knock

We saw an awful lot of politicians competing for the Dover and Deal seat in the run-up to the election.

Now Charlie Elphicke has been elected, will he still be knocking on doors asking for local opinion?

I would love to think 'yes'. But I fear 'no'.

Julie Moore
Dover

Cllr John Goodwin (Labour)
Dover District Council

BY STEVE KNIGHT

BUDGET cuts at the Department for Transport could hamper the chances of the £16 billion Crossrail project being extended into Kent.

Last week Transport Minister Theresa Villiers warned she was looking for “value for money” in the scheme, prompting fears that several proposed stations may be scrapped.

Current plans for the new 74-mile network see it running from Maidenhead in Berkshire to Abbey Wood in London and Shenfield in Essex, with stops throughout the capital, including at Heathrow.

Kent County Council and former Labour MP for Dartford Howard Stoate were hopeful the project could also be extended into the north of the county, but this now appears less likely given that stations included in the original plan – including Maidenhead and Abbey Wood – are now under threat amid reports of the new Tory government seeking a £5bn saving.

Despite the proposed cuts, Dr Stoate's Tory successor Gareth Johnson said he was not giving up on the idea just yet.

He said: “I would deeply love to see Crossrail

Hopes of Crossrail link fade as Tories sharpen costs axe



CUT OFF: KCC's hopes to link Ebbsfleet with Crossrail have taken a dive

extended right to Ebbsfleet, but it's going to come down to costings quite frankly because we've got to sort out the financial deficit.

“There are lots of negotiations going on at the moment and the finer details of the operation are still being worked on.

“I'd be surprised if there was an announcement soon that Crossrail will be extended into north Kent, but we hope it's still a medium-term goal and it's something we will continue to pursue.”

Crossrail is the UK's biggest transport project since the Channel Tunnel, with the first trains due to run on the line by 2017.

Gridlock

The scheme is included in KCC's 'growth without gridlock' transport strategy, which states the authority is “keen to see the route extended to Gravesend with good interchange at Ebbsfleet International”.

However, Nick Chard – cabinet member for

environment, highways and waste – declined to comment on speculation about the project.

Former transport secretary Geoff Hoon raised the possibility of Crossrail reaching Kent when he accepted an invitation from Dr Stoate to visit Dartford in March last year.

He said at the time: “Howard has pressed me hard on the question of Crossrail and the extension to Ebbsfleet. We have preserved the route and made it a possibility, and I'm certainly not ruling it out.”

Family to sue negligent hospital over young mother's death

A WIDOWER whose wife died when a hospital's treatment of her fell woefully below what would be expected is taking legal action.

Donna Maben, 33, died from septicæmia at the William Harvey Hospital, near her home in Ashford.

An inquest was highly critical of her treatment and care, and now husband Ian has instructed lawyers to fight for compensation.

Solicitor Sarah Harman said she

could not talk about the case but confirmed the litigation.

She said: “The family are taking legal action. The trust has admitted liability and we are negotiating.”

Asked when the case would be going into court, she said: “When you are negotiating, you are not quite sure.” Donna died on May 11, 2009.

The mother of a baby had been admitted to hospital on Wednesday, April 21, suffering from abdominal

pains and yet was discharged just three days later. She collapsed in agony two weeks later and was finally given surgery on a twisted bowel that had gone gangrenous. But by then it was too late for her.

The coroner was horrified at the circumstances of the death. Rachel Redman, who recorded a narrative verdict, said delays in operating and confusion over her treatment led to her death and she wrote to Stuart

Bain, the chief executive of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, with her concerns.

Donna's distraught husband Ian said: “They [the hospital] just weren't giving her the treatment you'd expect. Simple things – a lack of fluids – even me, not being medically trained, know that if you're taking in two litres of fluid and three litres of fluid are going out that's not a good thing.”

When the damning verdict was announced, Steven Pompeus, of East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust, said: “The trust would like to take this opportunity to apologise unreservedly for Donna's death.

“The trust fully accepts the verdict of the coroner and would like to reassure the public that changes have already been implemented to ensure the same tragic outcome does not happen again.”

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The concert starts at 7pm and tickets cost £6.50. To book and for more information, call 01227 373870.

UK African arts show

KORA player Sekou Keita will visit Canterbury on Thursday to perform his only planned UK date this year.

Keita will be at Orange Street Music Club at 7.30pm in a concert organised by Music for Change, which promotes multicultural diversity through the arts.

Tickets cost £9.50. For more information call 01227 760801.

Dinner with Geoffrey

ENJOY dinner and theatre as The Farmhouse hosts The Canterbury Tales.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the venue in Dover Street, Canterbury, is offering a two-course meal and a performance of Chaucer's timeless stories.

Tickets cost £16 and booking is essential. Call 01227 456118 or visit www.the-farmhousecanterbury.co.uk.

Ben's a theatre member

YOUNG Dover actor Ben Steele joins the tour of The Penis Monologues.

Presented by the Unfinished Business Theatre Company, the show is at St Stephens Hall, Canterbury, at 8pm on Thursday and Blean Village Hall at 8pm on Friday.

To book call 07958 177812 or email tickets@unfinished-business.org.uk.

Quex Park gets crafty

LOCAL craftworkers and visiting tradesmen will take part in a craft fair at Quex Park in Birchington this weekend.

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The event runs from 10am to 4pm and is free. To find out more, call 01843 595143 or visit www.quexpark.co.uk.

Garden art workshop

GET in touch with your creative side when Brogdale Farm in Faversham hosts an interactive art workshop.

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Grand jazz performers

WEEKLY jazz at The Grand in Folkestone continues with a performance by the Roger Lewin Quartet.

The concert will be held in Keppels Music Room at 8.30pm on Thursday, with Roger Lewin on keyboard, Phill on saxes, Steve King on bass and John Willis on drums and vocals.

Admission costs £5. Call 01303 277175.

Eclectic mix for festival line-up

Motown legends, rising talent and an all-new comedy tent are just a few of the highlights to be enjoyed as Lounge on the Farm celebrates its fifth anniversary

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FROM 60s superstars to the best of today's new talent, Lounge on the Farm returns next month for another musical extravaganza.

This year's diverse line-up boasts an eclectic range of acts to suit every taste, so the award-winning festival looks set to provide even more quality entertainment for music-lovers of all ages. Last year Lounge on the Farm picked up the Best Line-Up accolade at the UK Festival Awards and the new bill is as tempting as ever.

Highlights include Motown legends Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, who will be transporting the audience back to the heady days when the Detroit soul sound was taking the world by storm. The uplifting summer sound of ska and reggae will be heard when Toots and the Maytals bring their unmistakable Jamaican vibe to the Kent countryside, while jazz saxophonist Courtney Pine shows why he has become an icon of his field.

Irish singer-songwriter Fionn Regan draws on influences such as Bob Dylan and Neil Diamond, with the resulting sound earning a Mercury Prize nomination for his debut album. With more than 180 acts playing over seven stages during the three-day festival, music-lovers will be spoiled for choice.

Exciting

On Saturday, Moshi Moshi and Wichita Recordings host the Sheepdip and they have lined up a fantastic selection of acts, showing off the two record labels' most exciting talents.

The bill includes Slow Club, Silver Columns, Hot Club De Paris, The Wave Pictures, James Yuill, Gold Panda, First Aid Kit, Veronica Falls, Dam Mantle, Spectrals and Summer Camp.

To mark Lounge on the Farm's fifth birthday, there are even bigger names than ever this year, with acts such as Erland and the Carnival, Quantic and his Combo Bárbaro, These New Puritans, Hexstatic, Ashley Beedle and Nathan Detroit due to perform.

Along with some of the country's most exciting bands, Kent's music scene will be well represented. The long list of local acts appearing includes Matthew P, Yearner Babies, Electric River, Lucy Kitt, Tom Williams and the Boat, Liam Magill, Syd Arthur, Speakers Corner Quartet and many more.

Camden's Flowerpot has put together a great line-up for the Farm Folk tent and folk



LINE-UP: (Above) Motown legends Martha Reeves and the Vandellas and (right) Irish singer-songwriter Fionn Regan

fans can look forward to performances by Kitty, Daisy and Lewis, Johnny Flynn, Peggy Sue, Barker Band, Alan Pownall, The Agitator, Beans on Toast, Rum Shebeen, Lulu and the Lampshades, Handshake, The Joker and the Thief and Medicine Show.

Dubbed Out will be bringing out the bass in style, with appearances by DJ Yoda, Beardyman, Jakwob, Cyantific, The Others and Marc Sov.

After all the excitement of the day's performances, festival-goers can chill out with some late-night acoustic performances as Strummerville brings its Campfire Sessions to the Further Field.

More than just a music festival, Lounge on the Farm also picked up the Best Festival For Foodies award from a national newspaper two years ago. By only accepting food traders from Kent and Sussex and insisting on strict sourcing guidelines, the festival organisers aim to offer festival-goers tasty samples of the region's produce.



There will also be theatre, drama and performance to look forward to, along with a heavyweight line-up in the comedy tent.

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Weekend tickets cost £95 for adults, £75 for youths, £45 for children and £210 for families. Day tickets are £40 for adults, £30 for youths and £20 for children. To book, visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk or call 0844 888 9991.



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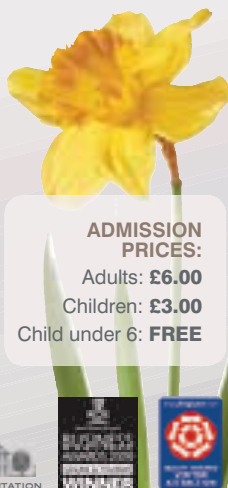
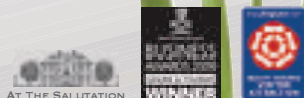
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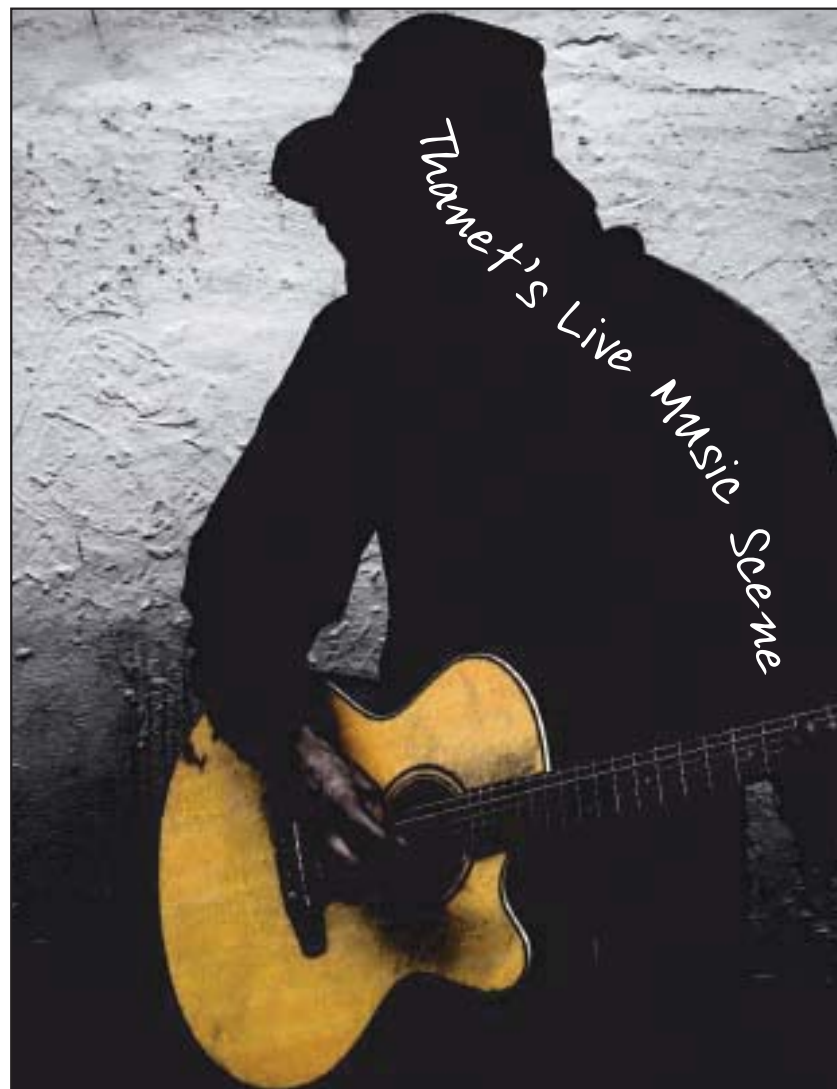
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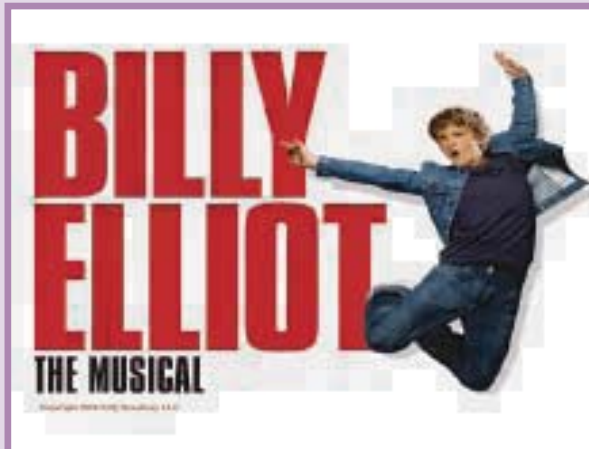
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Set during the miners' strike of the 80s, Billy Elliot follows the story of a boy who discovers dance and dreams of a stage career. But growing up in the north-east, he faces the disapproval of his family and fears that his desire will

never be realised.

This story of hope and the potential of us all to live creatively fulfilling lives has been an enormous success. As part of the initiative, Stage Door's director Heidi Moran and musical director Edward Greenhalgh took part in a workshop with the people behind the successful London production. There is the possibility that the show could be staged at a major regional theatre and even be performed at the Billy Youth Theatre West End Gala in July.

To book tickets, call the box office on 01843 591750.



D-DAY RIDE OUT

Saturday, June 12, & Sunday, June 14, Folkestone and France



BIKERS are invited to help raise money for charity by taking part in the Aspire D-Day Ride Out this weekend.

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The charity event has been organised by Aspire, along with Knobbles, GB Riders and

EuroK motorcycle clubs. Joining the ride are two bikers with spinal injuries – Steve Smithers was paralysed at the age of 37 after a motorcycle accident and Steve Booker suffered an injury at 28 while racing. Both have retained their love of motorcycles and will be joining the fun during this uplifting event that aims to raise both funds and awareness.

Entry costs £55 for bikes and £75 for trikes, with free entry for pillion riders. To find out more, visit www.aspire.org.uk/bikers, email bikers@aspire.org.uk or call 020 8420 8951.

LADYBOYS OF BANGKOK

Wednesday, June 16,
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MURDER MYSTERY

Sunday, June 13,
Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



SEE if you can spot the culprit as the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club hosts a thrilling murder mystery.

Set in 1940, The Home Guard Murder – Careless Talk Costs Lives is a comic whodunnit that will give amateur sleuths the chance to get their little grey cells working.

Nervous about the possibility of attack from the continent, residents of Broadstairs decide to form their own Home Guard.

Any members of the audience who would like to enlist in the Broadstairs Observation On Beaches Squadron, or BOOBS, can join the local misfits to be inspected by Major Bore. Pub landlord Ed Aches will also be there, along with nurse Ophelia Bitz but, just as recruits attempt to pass muster, a nasty murder takes place and the audience must work out who committed the crime. There will be a prize for the best 1940s costume and most original wartime picnic.

The Perfectly Dreadful Murder Company's show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8 for club members or £10 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance. To book, call 0845 262 6263.



ETIENNE PRADIER

Monday, June 14, Sinden Theatre, Tenterden



INTERNATIONAL magician Etienne Pradier lends his support to Kent Air Ambulance with a special performance.

The Ashford-based showman will bring out his box of tricks to help support the fundraising efforts of staff at the charity's Marden headquarters. In November, staff members hope to embark on a bike ride around Cuba to mark the Kent Air Ambulance Trust's 20th anniversary. They aim to raise £20,000 for the trust, which needs £1.7million per year to keep its life-saving helicopters airborne.

During his glittering career, Pradier has performed in glamorous cities all over the world, including Las Vegas, Paris, Singapore, Los Angeles, Zurich, Hong Kong and Madrid. He has performed his breathtaking illusions for celebrities and even royalty – last summer he entertained Prince Charles at Highgrove.

Voted the Magic Circle Close-Up Magician of the Year in 2000, Pradier is an extremely gifted performer and the Tenterden audience can look forward to a really magical treat next week.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15. To book, call the Kent Air Ambulance box office on 01622 833833. There will also be a raffle and refreshments available.



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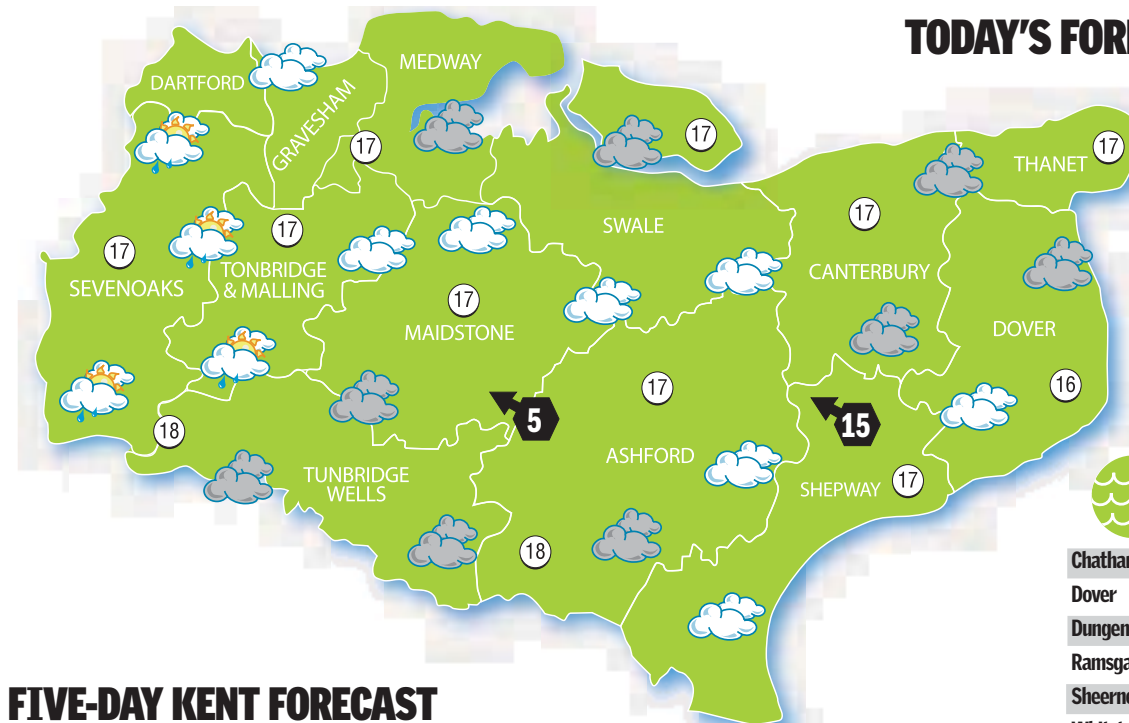
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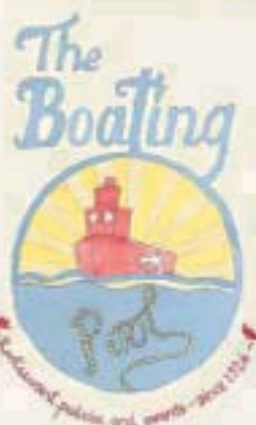
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Wheatus to play extra night, fact



TEENAGE DIRTBAGS: US soft-rockers Wheatus will be at The Forum this month

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

LIFE is all about learning, so I'm told, and every day we're bound to learn something new.

Sometimes the new information is interesting, quirky or random enough to be deemed worth sharing with colleagues, loved ones or guests at dinner parties.

The feedback from such outbursts is often varied.

For instance, did you know that Mel Blanc, who provided the voice for Bugs Bunny, was ironically allergic to carrots?

If not, then congratulations, you've learned something new today. Whether you were impressed by this nugget of new information is a different matter.

Either way, feel free to enlighten/bore someone else with this random trivia.

Sadly, as you get older, the frequency of interesting new information declines.

Every so often, though, a real gem will appear from nowhere.

I had the good fortune to learn something random last week, while I was scouring emails and internet message boards to find a subject for this very column.

A quick click on the Tunbridge Wells Forum website revealed that – owing to huge demand – a second Wheatus date had been added to the venue's calendar.

And there it was – who knew Kent had so many Wheatus fans? Up until that point I was blissfully unaware that our green and pleasant county is home to so many Teenage Dirtbags.

It's important to remember that Wheatus have scored just two UK chart successes since starting out 15 years ago.

The American soft-rockers' hits were Teenage Dirtbag, the lyrics of which have somehow burned themselves into my mind, and A Little Respect, a pop cover of Erasme's classic single.

But who am I to judge?

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- 5 I.R.I.S – Aversion To Light (from Deal)

of Wheatus fans.

Too many, in fact, to fit inside The Forum for their gig on Monday, June 21.

All of which convinced venue bosses to add a second date the following night, tickets for which are on sale now at £10 each.

Support on the night comes from MC Frontalot, Strong Like Bull and Jed Grayston.

For more information, visit www.twforum.co.uk.



BY THE SEASIDE: With its spectacular beaches, historic attractions and range of outdoor pursuits, Jersey offers adventures for all the family

yourgetaways

Get all the fun and sun of the continent, just an hour away

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

ASK someone about Jersey and you may not always get a straightforward answer, such is its place in both history and geography.

The largest of the Channel Islands, it is closest to Britain in terms of culture and politics but is virtually on the doorstep of France, with much of its vocabulary derived from the Norman tongue.

What was once the centre of many battles between the two now represents the best of each country's merits, ranging from sandy beaches to outdoor activities and great eateries.

A comfortable flight time of about an hour from Lydd airport, the healthier, sunnier climate is noticeable as soon as you land, thanks to the nearby Gulf Stream.

My first port of call was St Brelades Bay on the south side, only a few minutes' drive from the airport yet wonderfully secluded.

After a tasty, healthy lunch of crab risotto overlooking the beach, a quick walk around the picturesque church and Fisherman's Chapel gives a sense of the history that pervades this small island.

I had a particular family interest in this as my great-grandfather was a sail-maker who hailed from Jersey.

On closer inspection, I found a Nicholas Alexandre inscribed as one of the former rectors of the church, dating from the 16th Century.

There is plenty of choice for thrill-seekers, from sand-yachting to kayaking, and the daredevil in me went for the abseiling.

Instructor John Fox, who runs Jersey Adventures, was friendly and helpful, showing me how to handle the ropes as I gradually made my way down the side of one of the

FACT FILE: JERSEY

Admin centre	St Helier
Languages	English and Jèrriais
Population	92,000
Currency	BP Sterling
Religion	Christianity



many old German war forts dotted around the coast.

The picture-postcard setting of Corbiere lighthouse greets you as you make your way round the south-western tip to St Ouen's Bay.

Its stunning beach stretches for miles, making it a surfers' paradise. The Michelin-recommended El Tico cantina is perfectly placed to make the most of the Atlantic views.

A leisurely morning cycle-ride along some of Jersey's dedicated 'green lanes' is a great way to experience the countryside up close.

Blue Badge guide Arthur Lamy offers scenic tours of varying difficulty, including an introductory one that takes you from the centre of St Helier through to Gorey, home of Jersey Pottery and a great place to buy both lunch and a memento.

For families and animal-lovers, the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust offers a great chance to see first-hand the work being done to

James Alexandre travelled with Jersey Tourism and CI Travel Group. Weekly flights depart Lydd airport July 10-September 4, at 12.50pm and 2pm, leaving Jersey at 11.15am and 12.20pm. A service runs from Manston airport (www.kentinternationalairport-manston.com). Seven-night holiday from £299 per person per week. To find out more, visit www.discoverjersey.com or phone 0844 4156653. Activities: outdoor pursuits (www.jerseyadventures.com), cycling (www.cycleinjersey.com), Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (www.durrell.org), Jersey War Tunnels (www.jerseywartunnels.com). James stayed at the Hotel de France, St Saviour's Road, St Helier JE1 7XP (01534 614000 www.defrance.co.uk) and ate at The Boat House, 1 North Quay, St Aubin (01534 744226) and Saffrons, Hotel de France

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In the administrative centre of St Helier, the Victorian and fish markets offer a chance to savour some of today's island living, together with numerous shops and cafés leading to and from the Royal Square.

An exhibition on the life of Marilyn Monroe is on display at the Jersey Museum until September, while other highlights include a 19th-century merchant's house.

The four-star Hotel de France in St Helier has excellent spa facilities, and two restaurants – the contemporary Café Aroma and the fine Indian cuisine at Saffrons.

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Kickstart programme and housing projects come to a standstill

THE Homes and Communities Agency has said it will put on hold spending decisions on social-housing projects and its Kickstart programme, which invests in restarting mothballed private-housing developments.

The move comes after it emerged that £780 million of previously-agreed funding may be pulled as part of £6.2bn spending cuts announced by Chancellor George Osborne.

The HCA was told to cut £230m from its budget. The agency has confirmed this will lead to £100m being chopped from the £2.4bn social-housing programme and £50m from Kickstart's £420m budget for this year.

Recession

The department has also been told that £780m of funding for its projects is under review, with a final decision to be outlined in Mr Osborne's Budget on Tuesday, June 22.

Stewart Baseley, chairman of the Home Builders Federation, called the decisions "a cut on investment not waste".

He said: "Public money invested through Kickstart pulled in many more times than private-sector investment – which will now be lost to the economy."

The Kickstart programme was announced in last year's Budget in an attempt to bolster housebuilders who had halted housing construction in the midst of the recession.

Merged providers offer a great mortgage deal

THE Co-operative Bank and Britannia have launched a new five-year mortgage at a fixed rate of 3.99 per cent.

The mortgage is available to homeowners with a deposit of at least 25 per cent.

Borrowers taking out the mortgage are required to pay a £999 fee.

The two providers, which merged last year, also announced a two-year fixed-rate mortgage at 2.95 per cent, also requiring a 25 per cent deposit and with a £999 fee.

John Hughes, Co-operative spokesman, said: "Not only do these mortgages offer extremely attractive rates, they also provide customers with the added benefits of our consistently high levels of customer service."



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FLASHBACK: The house-price boom is unlikely ever to return but there have been increasingly strong signs that the housing market in Britain is at last starting to pick up again

Number of buyers hots up for brighter outlook

■ BY NICK AMES

THE property market continued its recovery in May despite gloomy predictions that the election would deter both buyers and sellers from entering the market.

But there are signs that the rises may be levelling off to reflect a slower growth in house prices even though more people are buying compared with a year ago.

Nationwide said that house prices rose 1 per cent in April and were up more than 10 per cent on a year ago.

Figures published by the Department for Communities and Local Government showed house prices went up by 0.7 per cent in March, the fifth consecutive month of increases.

Lending figures were also published by the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

They suggested housing-market activity bounced back during March with a 25 per cent jump in the number of mortgages advanced to people buying a property.

Some 45,000 mortgages were lent for house purchase during the month, up from 36,000 in February.

Rightmove said a smaller increase

last month suggested the past year's rise in house prices could be cooling off. It said asking prices rose by 0.7 per cent in May compared with 2.6 per cent in April, causing the annual rate of increase to slow to 4.3 per cent from 6 per cent.

Findaproperty.com showed that the average UK asking price rose for the fourth consecutive month with a 0.6 per cent rise in the past month, up to £219,748 from £218,475.

On an annual basis, average prices have climbed 1.8 per cent from £215,761 in May 2009.

The number of properties for sale jumped 8 per cent in May, the fourth consecutive month of rising stock levels in 2010.

Its survey said eight in ten people were searching for a property, pledging to continue their search despite the election and three-quarters said that the election result would not stop them buying a property.

Last week, Property For Kent reported that house prices were climbing at their fastest rate since October 2007 in year-on-year comparisons.

Figures from the Council of Mortgage lenders showed that house prices were becoming more affordable, with the cost of the average first-time home 4.9 times the annual earnings of the household compared with 5.5 times at the end of 2008.



LETTING PROPERTY: RICS is optimistic that rents will continue to rise

Rent-recovery rise starts due to the lack of supply

THERE were encouraging signs of recovery in the letting market this week, with rents looking to begin rising again.

A lack of supply is pushing residential real-estate rents higher, signalling a revival in the lettings market, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The net balance of chartered surveyors reporting rising, rather than falling,

rents rose from zero to 30 per cent, a marked contrast to April last year, when 58 per cent more chartered surveyors were reporting falling rents, an all-time low for the survey.

Surveyors are optimistic that rents will continue to rise, with the rental expectations' net balance climbing to 36 per cent, the highest figure recorded in the survey's history.

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Whitfield £279,995

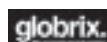
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Externally there is a detached garage with parking space as well as additional parking in front of the house.

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NO CHAIN. Two bedroom first floor flat. Open plan living space and modern kitchen. The living area has large bay window, bathroom and storage cupboard.

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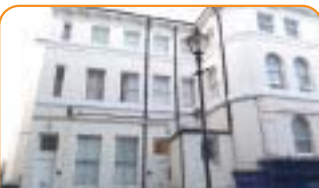
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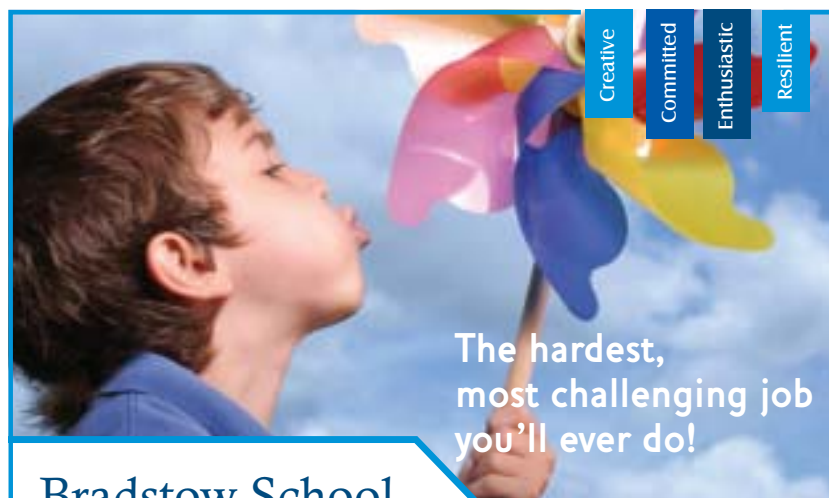
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Sibton Park 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

SIBTON Park moved into the Division One promotion places after an emphatic 100-run victory against neighbours Folkestone on Saturday.

The hosts were put into bat and initially enjoyed some success, with George Leadbetter and Andy Allon piling on the runs. The opening pair put on 78 for the first wicket before Michael James had Allon caught behind for 46.

The wicket triggered a mini-collapse, as the hosts lost five wickets for 19 runs, slumping to 97 for 5. Tim Bishop proved crucial in stopping the rot, dragging Sibton Park into three figures.

The number three had no fewer than six batting partners during his knock of 50 as John Champion ran through the middle order on his way to 4 for 45.

Steven Rowe (24) was the only other batsman who made it into double figures, but their score of 177 all out looked vulnerable.

Folkestone would have fancied their chances of pulling off their second win of the season, but Steven Rowe turned the game on its head with a devastating spell of bowling. Ripping through the top order, he took six wickets as the visitors went from 21 for no wicket to 37 for 6.

Folkestone never fully recovered. Jamie Dawes (27) and Michael James (12) briefly conjured a response, but the writing was on the wall and they could only limp the score along to a slightly less embarrassing total.

Tim Bishop took two quick wickets, which, along with one for Andy Allon, finished off Folkestone for just 77. They will be hoping to rediscover their form when Sandwich Town visit on Saturday, while Sibton Park visit Beckenham.

Park make big impact in win over local rivals



BRAGGING RIGHTS: Sibton Park (batting) went second in the table after outclassing rivals Folkestone on Saturday

SCORE CARD

Sibton Park 1st XI

	Runs
George Leadbetter lbw b Waingankar	34
Andy Allon ct Graham b James	46
Tim Bishop ct Dawes b Bryen	50
Ben Allon run out	1
Steve Hobbs lbw b Champion	0
Steve Hickmott lbw b Champion	3
Martin Wren lbw b Champion	4
Steven Rowe c&b Bryen	24
Sam Newman b Champion	2
Gareth Meers run out	1
Tim Smith not out	1

Extras (4b 2lb 2w 3nb) 11
Total (all out, 475 overs) 177

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Michael James	10	2	28	1
Andy Bray	5	0	29	0
Himanshu Waingankar	15	2	50	1
John Champion	14	2	45	4
Joshua Bryen	3.5	0	19	2

Folkestone 1st XI

	Runs
David Miles b Rowe	19
Stuart Graham lbw b Rowe	7
Himanshu Waingankar lbw b Rowe	0
Joshua Bryen ct Hobbs b Rowe	0
Daniel Clark lbw b Rowe	3
Jamie Dawes ct Hobbs b Bishop	27
Nick Graham b Rowe	0
Nathan Smith lbw b Smith	0
Michael James ct Newman b Allon	12
Andy Bray ct Allon b Bishop	0
John Champion not out	0

Extras (3lb 6w) 9
Total (all out, 26.1 overs) 77

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	8	1	17	6
Tim Smith	9	1	29	1
Sam Newman	5	2	14	0
Gareth Meers	3	1	7	0
Tim Bishop	1	0	7	2
Andy Allon	0.1	0	0	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Hythe 1st XI v Canterbury 1st XI

A CENTURY from Paul Steer helped Canterbury to their first victory of the season against struggling Hythe – running out winners by seven wickets.

Christopher Maurice (80) and Leon Morgan (88) shared a big partnership which formed the backbone of Hythe's innings. Useful runs late on from Sam Butler (22) helped them to a respectable 241 for 6.

Canterbury lost Stuart Drakeley early on, but Neil Kimberley (62) and Steer (117 not out) batted the visitors into an excellent position. Steer was still there at the finish, which came with nine balls to spare.

Hythe 1st XI

	ct Smith b Wren	Runs
Christopher Maurice	ct Smith b Wren	80
Lochan Blunden	b Minter	8
Leon Morgan	b Cooper	88
Jon Smith	ct Samarasinghe b Cooper	6
Daniel Patching	ct Staunton b Wren	7
Christopher Slee	lbw b Wren	18
Sam Butler	not out	22
Andrew Maurice	not out	2
Jago Pearson	did not bat	8
Trevor Squire	did not bat	8
Jamie Hempley	did not bat	2

Extras 10
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs) 241

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	13	1	30	1
Ben Clarke	6	1	25	0
Neil Kimberley	3	1	21	0
Stuart Drakeley	9	0	48	0
Luke Samarasinghe	6	0	44	0
Tim Wren	7	0	31	3
Ben Cooper	6	0	38	2

Canterbury 1st XI

	ct Butler b Squire	Runs
Neil Kimberley	ct Butler b Squire	62
Stuart Drakeley	b Hempley	8
Paul Steer	not out	117
Luke Samarasinghe	ct Butler b Hempley	29
Simon Smith	not out	3
Ryan Minter	did not bat	3
Ben Clarke	did not bat	3
Tim Wren	did not bat	3
Josh Staunton	did not bat	3
Russell Griffiths	did not bat	3
Ben Cooper	did not bat	3

Extras 23
Total (3 wickets, 48.3 overs) 242

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	15	1	64	0
Jamie Hempley	10	2	39	2
Andrew Maurice	8	0	47	0
Jago Pearson	9	0	45	0
Trevor Squire	6	0	33	1
Jon Smith	0.3	0	2	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Harvel 1st XI

OLIVER Robinson hit a century as Sandwich Town romped to a crushing 183-run victory at home to Harvel.

The hosts stumbled to 7 for 3 at one stage, but a superb stand of 145 between Robinson (119) and Vishal Singh (61) swung the balance towards Sandwich. Helped by a useful 45 from Gavin Lawrence, they reached 278 before they were all out.

Harvel never looked like threatening a successful run chase, losing wickets at regular intervals. Craig Spanton took 3 for 25, while Tom Chapman, Tom Dilnot-Smith and Matthew van Poppel chipped in to dismiss the visitors for 95.

Sandwich Town 1st XI

	ct Darby b Bailey	Runs
Craig Snell	ct Darby b Bailey	4
David Scoggins	ct Walker b Rumbelow	1
Stuart Smith	ct Walker b Bailey	0
Vishal Singh	ct Saunders b Taylor	61
Oliver Robinson	ct McCormick b Rumbelow	119
John Ewart	lbw b Taylor	0
Tom Chapman	ct Ramsey b Walker	9
Gavin Lawrence	ct Walker b Bailey	45
Craig Spanton	run out	8
Tom Dilnot-Smith	lbw b Ramsey	14
Matthew van Poppel	not out	0

Extras (5b 5lb 6w 1nb) 17
Total (all out, 48.1 overs) 278

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Grant Rumbelow	12	2	70	2
Desmond Bailey	8	1	46	3
Alister Ramsey	8.1	0	56	1
David Walker	11	0	60	1
Julian Taylor	4	1	13	2
Paul Brownridge	5	0	25	0

Harvel 1st XI

	lbw b Dilnot-Smith	Runs
David Walker	lbw b Dilnot-Smith	40
Paul Brownridge	ct Singh b Spanton	0
Jesse Seven	run out	1
Dominic Saunders	lbw b Spanton	0
Alister Ramsey	b Spanton	3
Daniel Walker	b Dilnot-Smith	11
Julian Taylor	b van Poppel	15
Arthur McCormick	b Chapman	6
Philip Darby	lbw b van Poppel	0
Desmond Bailey	b Chapman	10
Grant Rumbelow	not out	0

Extras (1b 3lb 5w) 9
Total (all out, 31.3 overs) 95

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10	3	25	3
Tom Chapman	8.3	0	22	2
Tom Dilnot-Smith	7	1	41	2
Matthew van Poppel	6	4	2	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Gravesend RF 1st XI

BETTESHANGER Colliery's fine start to the season continued on Saturday as they beat Gravesend by five wickets.

Gravesend opener Meguel Dee made the most of his luck after being dropped twice, going on to make 84. The problem for the visitors was a lack of support as the hosts' bowlers struck regularly, with Darren Fletcher taking 3 for 6 to mop up the tail.

Chasing 192 for victory, most of Betteshanger's batsmen made good use of the conditions, as four players made it past 30. Gareth Friend (37) guided them home in the 39th over.

Gravesend RF 1st XI

	ct Jones b M McNicholas	Runs
Meguel Dee	ct Jones b M McNicholas	84
Richard Ashley	c&b A McNicholas	0
S Saeed	ct Jo Towe b A McNicholas	1
Sukhpal Singh Rana	b M McNicholas	19
Sukhvir Singh	ct A McNicholas b M McNicholas	0
Nigel Dee	ct M McNicholas b C Towe	12
Raj Rantharaj	ct Jo Towe b Fletcher	18
Steve Waghorn	not out	33
Russ Wilde	ct Collins b Fletcher	1
George Ashley	ct Jones b Fletcher	0
Mark Buchan	b A McNicholas	0

Extras (13b 3lb 6w 1nb) 23
Total (all out, 50 overs) 191

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	13	5	33	3
Jamie Towe	7	0	37	0
Michael McNicholas	15	4	59	3
Martin Jones	6	2	29	0
Clive Towe	5	0	11	1
Darren Fletcher	4	1	6	3

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

	ct Waghorn b Dee	Runs
Clive Towe	ct Waghorn b Dee	2
Aaron Friend	ct Waghorn b Singh Rana	33
Jamie Towe	ct Ashley b Wilde	43
Joffy Towe	ct Waghorn b Dee	4
Gareth Friend	not out	37
Michael McNicholas	ct Waghorn b Dee	37
Andrew McNicholas	not out	12
Darren Fletcher	did not bat	3
Martin Jones	did not bat	3
Liam Collins	did not bat	3
Stuart Edmonds	did not bat	3

Extras (2b 17lb 2w 3nb) 24
Total (5 wickets, 39 overs) 192

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Nigel Dee	7	1	40	2
Raj Rantharaj	5	1	24	0
Sukhpal Singh Rana	7	0	32	1
Russ Wilde	11	1	41	1
Meguel Dee	3	1	8	0
S Saeed	6	0	28	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

OD CUACO 1st XI v Walmer 1st XI

WALMER'S search for a first win of the season continues as they went down to OD CUACO by seven wickets on Saturday.

Batting first, only Graeme North (59) and Martin Pearce (45) could be pleased with their efforts. It was only with the addition of a generous 33 runs in extras which took Walmer's score up to a semi-respectable 150.

The hosts' dominance continued with the bat. Connor McMillan and Daniel Giles both took wickets but the result was never in doubt, arriving after just 31 overs of the reply.

Walmer 1st XI

	b Naseri	Runs
Martyn North	b Naseri	0
Graeme North	b Sivarajan	59
Daniel Giles	ct Williamson b Naseri	0
Connor McMillan	ct Ward b Naseri	4
Martin Pearce	ct Naseri b Wright	45
Andy Cotton	ct Ward b Wright	3
Barry Green	ct Stuart b Wright	4
Tom Mitchell	ct Naseri b Sivarajan	2
David Miller	ct Williamson b White	0
Eoin McGrath	b Sivarajan	0
Alan Cookson	not out	0

Extras (4b 3lb 8w 18nb) 33
Total (all out, 48 overs) 150

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Noorullah Naseri	11	0	42	3
Sam Stuart	9	3	41	0
Steve Wright	15	4	37	3
Siva Sivarajan	7	2	10	3
Greg White	5.3	1	13	1

OD CUACO 1st XI

	ct Mitchell b McMillan	Runs
Graham Ward	ct Mitchell b McMillan	19
Ben Webster	run out	36
Dan Sanjeewa	ct Cookson b Giles	47
Aaron White	not out	38
Toby Webster	not out	4
Siva Sivarajan	did not bat	3
Greg White	did not bat	3
Gary Williamson	did not bat	3
Noorullah Naseri	did not bat	3
Sam Stuart	did not bat	3
Steve Wright	did not bat	3

Extras (1b 1lb 5w 1nb) 8
Total (3 wickets, 31 overs) 152

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Alan Cookson	6	0	19	0
Connor McMillan	9.2	1	45	1
Barry Green	5	0	22	0
Daniel Giles	5	0	30	1
Andy Cotton	5	0	34	0

Whites sign two but Jim expects more to follow

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

FIVE new faces are needed this summer to build a squad to push for promotion next season, according to Dover chairman Jim Parmenter.

The Whites made their first moves in the transfer market last week with the capture of former Gillingham defender Tom Wynter and Barnet midfielder Joe Tabiri.

New Dover boss Ian Hendon moved quickly to sign Wynter on a two-year deal at Crabble after the defender was released by the Gills.

The 19-year-old can play at both full-back and in the centre of defence and is familiar with the Whites after enjoying a successful period on-loan at the club last season. He won't be able to join up with the squad until August when his contract ends at Gills.

Favourite

Tabiri, like Wynter, had a spell on loan at Dover last season having made 11 appearances, and the 20-year-old joins having signed an initial one-year deal.

Parmenter said: "Joe is a really great signing. He was fantastic for us last time round and is a real crowd favourite. I'm sure he will be a crucial part of our side as we aim for promotion next season."



Picture: SIMON HARRIS



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NEW DEALS: Dover have signed former Barnet midfielder Joe Tabiri (left) and Gillingham defender Tom Wynter (right)

While two have arrived at Crabble, the future of some of last season's squad remains somewhat uncertain.

Dean Hill, Sammy Moore, Matt Fish and Jon Wallis have all yet to agree to new deals at Crabble despite having been offered new contracts before former manager Andy Hessenthaler departed for Gillingham.

Parmenter told Yourdover: "I think players are recognising that Dover are a club on the up and that is why people like Tom Wynter are joining. I hope this signing does

show our intentions and there are more signings on the way.

"I think we need three or four new players, maybe even five. We have got two or three players from last season's squad who have been offered a contract a month ago and are yet to sign. Jon Wallis is one of the players, but he has been away on holiday, so he is an exception and we hope to hear from him soon."

The Whites have two pre-season friendlies confirmed as they host Gillingham on July 24 and Maidstone United on July 20.

FOOTBALL



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RETIRED: Invicta midfielder Jimmy Jackson

Fans full of praise for veteran Jackson

FOLKESTONE Invicta's supporters have been unanimous in their warm praise of veteran Jimmy Jackson, who hung up his boots last week.

The elegant midfielder, who played in the Conference with Gravesend & Northfleet earlier in his career, was forced to make the decision due to persistent knee injuries.

Jackson joined from Margate in summer 2008 and opted to stay on at Cheriton Road despite the club's crippling financial problems. He became a crucial experienced head in an otherwise young team and played a key role in helping Invicta to promotion last season, often playing through injuries.

The club's forum has swelled with tributes to Jackson and chairman Lynn Woods said he would always be welcome at the club.

He said: "We have been lucky to have his services at a time when we needed someone like him. We could not have wished for more, he led and inspired the youngsters."

Stupples talks of Major aspirations

GOLF

KAREN Stupples feels she is playing well enough to challenge for honours as the women's golf season reaches its most important phase.

The 36-year-old from Deal tees off in the LPGA State Farm Classic in Illinois tomorrow at the start of a five-week spell which includes two of the season's four Majors. The LPGA Championship begins on June 24, while the US Women's Open begins a fortnight later.

After the experience of leading heading into the final round at the season's first Major - April's Kraft Nabisco Championship - Stupples will go into both events with confidence.

She said: "I went toe-to-toe with the best in

the world and for most of the tournament no one could match me. That felt pretty good and I was on my game. The only thing that wasn't on form was my putting, which I've been working on a lot."

Stupples' last competitive outing came two weeks ago when she came through qualifying for the US Women's Open. The event is the sport's most prestigious title and with a prize fund of more than £2.7 million, it is also the most lucrative.

Stupples said: "Honestly it's the biggest tournament we play in. If I hadn't qualified I wouldn't have watched it. I watched it just after I had [son] Logan and it was one of the driving forces to get me back quicker. I was jealous of all the girls that were playing, so it's a relief to have got through."

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Action from the latter stages of the first Kent Open squash tournament in Maidstone

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CONFIDENT: Karen Stupples is confident of mounting a challenge in the next two Major championships



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